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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE CIA SHOCK THE THEORY THAT "NICE" PEOPLE CANNOT BE MADE IMMORAL UNDER HYPNOSIS BY GETTING ONE WOMAN TO ACT OUT A COLD-BLOODED MURDER IN 1951, ACCORDING TO DECLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS.

THE COLD WAR-ERA MIND-CONTROL EXPERIMENT CLIMAXED WHEN THE HYPNOTIZED WOMAN, DESCRIBED AS A PEACEABLE SOUL, TERRIFIED OF GUNS, FIRED A PISTOL POINT BLANK AT A SLEEPING COLLEAGUE -- NOT KNOWING THE GUN HAD BEEN UNLOADED.

THE DOCUMENTS ALSO DESCRIBED OTHER EXPERIMENTS IN HYPNOSIS -- ALWAYS INVOLVING FEMALE SUBJECTS FOR REASONS NOT STATED -- IN WHICH WOMEN WERE PERSUADED TO SIMULATE IMMORAL, ABNORMAL OR DISLOYAL BEHAVIOR.

ONE REPORT CONCLUDED:

"THIS ACTIVITY CLEARLY INDICATES THAT INDIVIDUALS UNDER HYPNOSIS MIGHT BE COMPROMISED AND BLACKMAILED."

ANOTHER PAPER SUMMARIZED SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO GET A VOLUNTEER HYPNOTIC SUBJECT TO FLIRT BLATANTLY WITH A STRANGE MAN, AND STATED:

"IF IT CAN BE SHOWN IN A SERIES OF TESTS THAT OUR SUBJECTS WILL DO THINGS THAT THEY NORMALLY WOULD NOT DO IN THEIR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES, IT SEEMS LOGICAL THAT INDIVIDUALS ELSEWHERE CAN BE ALSO CONTROLLED THUSLY."

THE ONCE SECRET DOCUMENTS WERE OBTAINED BY THE WEEKLY WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER SCIENCE TRENDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND MADE AVAILABLE TO UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL.

THEY DESCRIBED CIA-SPONSORED HYPNOSIS EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT FROM 1951 TO 1954, WHEN THE AGENCY WAS STARTING UP ITS ULTRA-SECRET "PROJECT MKULTRA" RESEARCH INTO MIND AND BEHAVIOR CONTROL USING WITTING AND UNWITTING HUMANS.

MKULTRA RAN ON INTO THE 1960S, SPURRED INITIALLY BY KOREAN WAR-ERA FEARS THAT THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE HAD A BIG LEAD IN "BRAIN-WASHING" TECHNIQUES THAT MIGHT ENABLE THEM TO INDUCE CONFESSIONS FROM ANY CAPTURED ENEMY AND TURN WESTERN SPIES INTO HELPLESS, OBEDIENT DOUBLE-AGENTS.

THE HYPNOSIS EXPERIMENTS WERE PART OF AN MKULTRA SUBDIVISION KNOWN

AS "OPERATION BLUEBIRD."

NAMES OF SUBJECTS WERE BLANKED OUT IN THE RELEASED DOCUMENTS, BUT ALL WERE DESCRIBED AS YOUNG, WELL-EDUCATED, HIGHLY MOTIVATED WOMEN WHO WORKED FOR THE CIA AND APPARENTLY VOLUNTEERED FOR THE EXPERIMENTS.

THE DOCUMENTS SAID THE EXPERIMENTATION NEVER WENT SO FAR AS TO MAKE THE WOMEN ACTUALLY COMMIT IMMORAL ACTS, BUT ONLY TO BELIEVE THEY HAD DONE SO.

EXPLAINING THAT RESTRICTION, ONE REPORT STATED: "THE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM WE ARE WORKING ARE VERY HIGH-TYPE."

THE TESTS WERE DESCRIBED AS "SIMPLE, AMUSING SITUATIONS, VERY CAREFULLY CONTROLLED ... RATHER THAN OF A SCANDALOUS OR IMMORAL NATURE."

THE SIMULATED MURDER WAS DESCRIBED IN A REPORT DATED FEB. 10, 1954, CONCERNING A MALE HYPNOTIST AND A WOMAN "WHO HAD EXPRESSED A FEAR OF FIREARMS IN ANY FASHION."

IT SAID SHE WAS PUT IN A TRANCE AND TOLD TO AWAKEN ANOTHER WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN PUT INTO A DEEP SLEEP.

WHEN SHE COULD NOT AWAKEN HER COLLEAGUE, THE REPORT SAID, SHE WAS ORDERED TO "PICK UP A PISTOL NEARBY AND FIRE IT AT MISS (BLANK)" AND ASSURED THAT "HER RAGE WOULD BE SO GREAT THAT SHE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO 'KILL.'"

IT SAID THE WOMAN "CARRIED OUT THESE SUGGESTIONS TO THE LETTER, INCLUDING FIRING THE (UNLOADED) GUN AT MISS (BLANK), THEN PROCEEDING TO FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP" AS ORDERED.

WHEN AWAKENED, NEITHER THE "MURDERER" NOR HER "VICTIM" HAD ANY RECOLLECTION OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THE DOCUMENT SAID. IT ADDED:

"THE 'MURDERER' REFUSED TO PICK UP OR ACCEPT THE SAME GUN AND ABSOLUTELY DENIED THAT SHE HAD EVER FIRED IT."

A SEPT. 4, 1951 EXPERIMENT TOLD HOW ONE WOMAN WAS HYPNOTIZED INTO BELIEVEING SHE WAS AT A PARTY AND TOLD TO FLIRT WITH A STRANGE MAN. SHE DID SO, FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS TO TRY TO LURE HIM ONTO THE "DANCE FLOOR" AND TO SIT ON HIS LAP.

AWAKENED, SHE REMEMBERED NOTHING.

IN ANOTHER CASE, TWO MALE CIA OPERATIVES HYPNOTIZED THREE FEMALE EMPLOYES INSIDE A SECURITY-GUARDED CIA BUILDING, TELLING THEM THAT, UPON SIGNAL, THEY WOULD OPEN THEIR EYES, "ACT, WALK, TALK AND MOVE ABOUT IN A PERFECTLY NORMAL MANNER."

THUS ENTRANCED, THEY FOLLOWED ORDERS TO LEAVE THE BUILDING IN THEIR USUAL WAY, CHAT WITH BUILDING GUARDS AS THEY CHECKED OUT, GET INTO A CAR WITH THE TWO HYPNOTISTS AND GO TO AN APARTMENT WITH THEM.

THERE, ALL THREE WOMEN FOLLOWED ORDERS TO "PROCEED INTO THE BEDROOM AND ... GO INTO A DEEP SLEEP STATE ON ONE OF THE BEDS."

ANOTHER HYPNOTIZED SUBJECT STOLE WHAT SHE THOUGHT WAS A SECRET DOCUMENT FROM AN OFFICIAL'S DESK AND HID IT IN HER GIRDLE, WHILE TEST-CONTROLLERS WATCHED HER THROUGH A TWO-WAY MIRROR.

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